



# CITY OF Monrovia

## FALL 2023 RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REMINDER

If your collection day falls on or after:

- Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 23, 2023
- Christmas Day - Monday, December 25, 2023
- New Year's Day - Monday, January 1, 2024

Your collection services will be delayed by one service day.



### RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY TREE

**Remove**  
all lights, ornaments,  
tinsel, & the stand

**Place**  
the tree next to your  
trash bin

### HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING

Athens collects real holiday trees and/or foliage and composts them into a nutrient-rich soil amendment that can be used in agriculture, public parks, and landscaping. Here are some friendly reminders when it comes to recycling holiday trees:

1. Remove all stands, lights, ornaments, tree skirts, and tinsel
2. Cut your tree in half if it is more than six feet in length
3. Place your tree curbside during the designated collection window

Artificial trees, flocked trees, and trees coated with fire retardant are NOT recyclable or compostable – they will be treated as trash. If the artificial tree is still usable, please consider donating it. Broken or no longer usable artificial trees should be disposed of as part of a bulky item pickup.

### RECYCLING GIFT BAGS & BOXES

Gift bags and boxes may be recycled if they have little to no decorations or excess coloring.

Here's how to prepare them for your recycling container:

1. Remove all the contents inside, including the tissue paper (which usually cannot be recycled due to having excess dye and short paper fibers).
2. Place any items with a glossy coating or decorated with foil, feathers, glitters, ribbons, or other non-paper content in the trash.
3. Break down and flatten bags and boxes and place them inside your blue recycling container.



### ECO FRIENDLY HOLIDAYS

The holidays are here! For many of us this means starting to hang decorations and picking out gifts for loved ones. Consider these tips to help lessen your environmental impact and help others this holiday season.

- **Participate (or gift a sponsorship) in the Adopt-A-Family Program** – Sponsors are provided a holiday “wish list,” which can include groceries, clothing, gift certificates, and toys. For more information, search “Adopt-A-Family” on [DPSS.LACounty.gov](http://DPSS.LACounty.gov).
- **Shop Local** – Making a purchase at a small business or neighborhood market directly supports the people in your community.
- **Replace Traditional Gift Wrapping** – Ditch the fancy wrapping and tissue paper and opt for reusable fabric bags, newspaper, or paper bags.
- **Choose Reuse** – Create a one-of-a-kind gift using items you already have or find a new home for gently used secondhand goods.

For more creative tips on repurposing and upcycling, visit [AthensServices.com/MaterialReuse](http://AthensServices.com/MaterialReuse).

**Sustainability Tip:** Consider eco-friendly gift-wrapping options such as reusable fabric bags, newspapers, and paper bags.

For more recycling tips,  
visit [CanIRecycleMy.com](http://CanIRecycleMy.com).

